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For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
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T. JACKSON,  
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Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

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NOTICE.  
TO CAPTAINS REQUIRING SEA STOCK.  
F. E. F. B. E. F.  
Ship "Commissioner."  
Tiers PRIME INDIA MESS

24 BEEF, FOR SALE by private bar-  
gain on the above Ship. Prices Moderate.  
Hongkong, December 24, 1878.

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Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

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## For Sale.

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FINE NEW FIGS, direct from Smyrna. Brazil and Barcelona NUTS.  
LETTS'S DIARIES for 1879.  
Central and Pin Fire CARTRIDGE CASES.  
CLOTH and FELT GUN-WADS.  
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CLOTH TROWSER LENGTHS, Assorted Patterns.  
ALBUMS, in great variety.  
CRUMB BRUSHES and TRAYS.  
CHUBB'S CASE and DEED BOXES.  
VIBSON'S AUTOMATIC COFFEE MACHINES.  
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Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

S A M H I N G S T U L T Z,  
HAS JUST RECEIVED PER "CYTHEENES,"  
AND HAS FOR SALE—  
NEW PATTERNS in CARPETS.  
WINDOW CURTAINS of all kinds.  
TABLE-CLOTHS & TABLE NAPKINS.  
HATS in every style.  
DRESS-BOOTS, and SHOES.

88 and 90, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, December 11, 1878. ja11

DESTRUCTION BY THE GREAT FIRE.—SELLING OFF!

S A M H I N G S T U L T Z will SELL OFF HIS STOCK, more or less damaged by the late Fire, at Greatly Reduced Prices during the month of JANUARY.

Hongkong, December 31, 1878. ja31

## Intimations.

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED on STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.

MEYER & Co., Proprietors.  
Hongkong, November 29, 1878. my29

## SUBMARINE DIVING.

CAPTAIN W. CLARK has all the necessary Appliances for Salvaging OPERATIONS, and is prepared to undertake Contracts to work at Wrecks to the Depth of 20 Fathoms.

For particulars as to terms, &c., apply to LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong, December 9, 1878. ja9

H. U. T. C. H. I. N. G. S. beg to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply

B. H. E. F. M. U. T. T. O. N. &c., from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant him their support.

Shop:—WELLINGTON STREET, opposite the Cathedral.

Hongkong, September 20, 1878. ja1

## DENTAL NOTICE.

D. H. ROGERS has returned and is now ready to RECEIVE PATIENTS at No. 7, ABBYNOT BOAT.

Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

## For Sale.

### CHRISTMAS STORES

#### —AND— PRESENTS.

PLUM PUDDINGS.  
CHRISTMAS CAKES.  
MINCEMEAT.  
SMYRNA FIGS.  
ELVAS PLUMS.  
CRYSTALLISED FRUITS.  
DRAGÉES.  
French and English BONBONS.  
CHOCOLATE for DESSERT.  
ASSORTED COCONUTS.  
TELEPHONE CRACKERS.  
CONFERENCE CRACKERS.  
AQUARIUM CRACKERS.  
French and English TOYS.  
DOLLS, in latest Parisian Costumes.  
SWIMMING DOLLS.  
DOLLS' PORTMANTEAUX.  
DANCING and WALKING DOLLS.  
PUNCH and JUDY SHOW.  
ROCKING HORSES.  
MUSICAL BOXES.  
TEA and DINNER SETS.  
NOAH'S ARKS.  
WHEELBARROWS.  
GUNS and SWORDS.  
SPADES and PAILS.  
BARREL ORGANS.  
French ALBUMS.  
LADIES' DRESSING CASES.  
GLOVE and HANDKERCHIEF BOXES.  
WORK BASKETS and BOXES.  
LADIES' COMPANIONS.  
PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES.  
CARD RECEIVERS.  
STATUETTES.  
Bohemian FLOWER VASES.  
Pharoh WRITING CABINETS.  
SCENT CASES in Velvet and Crystal.  
MOROCCO CIGAR CASES.  
Electro-Plated SCISSORS in Cases.  
BIBLES.  
PAINT BOXES, Fitted.  
TOILET BOTTLES and VASES.  
ANEROIDS.  
CROCODILE SCENT CASES.  
CIGAR BOXES.  
WRITING DESKS.  
MEERSCHAUM PIPES.  
LATEST DESIGNS in Electro-Plated WARE.  
MARK TWAIN'S SCRAP BOOKS.  
PARTAGA'S HAVANA CIGARS.  
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LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.  
Hongkong, November 28, 1878.

## Intimations.

G. FALCONER & Co., WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, AND JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.

46, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, December 20, 1878. ja20

MOORE & Co., "VARIETY STORE," NEWS AGENTS AND TOBACCONISTS.

No. 42, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, September 10, 1878. ja11

CHINESE VIEWS FOR SALE AT MODERATE PRICE.

December 11, 1878. ja11

## Police Notification.

ANY RESIDENT having PROPERTY, which may have been forwarded to him for SAFETY during the late FIRE, and which still remains Unclaimed, would oblige by communicating with the Under-signed.

W. M. DEANE, Captain Superintendent of Police.

Hongkong, December 31, 1878. ja4

## NOTICE.

G. FALCONER & Co. beg to announce that, during DECEMBER and JANUARY, Next, they will offer their Large

and Magnificent Stock of JEWELLERY, WATCHES, CLOCKS, SILVER and ELECTRO-PLATE, &c., &c., Considerably under the Usual Prices.

Shortly expected from England, an

Elegant ASSORTMENT of SILVER CUPS, suitable for REGATTA or RACE MEETINGS.

Hongkong, November 26, 1878. ja1

## NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of October, 1878, DR. EASTLACE will receive his

PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, Queen's Road Central, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878. ja1

## NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 27th Inst.

to the 3rd Proximo, both days inclusive.

A. NEWTON, Manager.

Hongkong, December 16, 1878. ja3

## HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION of the SOCIETY will take place about the middle of FEBRUARY next.

The Days of Exhibition will be advertised at an early date.

W. M. B. ARTHUR, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, December 18, 1878.

## HONGKONG & CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

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to the 3rd Proximo, both days inclusive.</

## THE CHINA MAIL.

## Entertainment.

THEATRE DES ROYAL,  
CITY HALL,  
HONGKONG.

ON  
SATURDAY EVENING,  
January 4th, 1879.

M. B. H. VERNON  
begs to announce that he  
will take his

FAREWELL BENEFIT,  
On the above Date, on which occasion he will  
be assisted by the

AMATEUR DRAMATIC CORPS,  
Who have kindly given their valuable  
services.

The Performance will commence with  
H. I. WILLIAMS  
Admirable Farce Entitled:

"TOI ON PARLE FRANCAIS."

Principal Characters by

MR. TRAEB,  
MR. HOCKEY,

MR. BARNABY BELMORE,  
assisted by

MISS CLARA STANLEY,  
Miss FLORENCE HOWE,

MISS BERTHA DRAEGER,  
and

MISS AGNES DRAEGER.

And conclude with

CHARLES DUBBIN'S CELEBRATED BALLAD  
OPERA

"THE WATER MAN,"

Principal Characters by the

AMATEUR DRAMATIC CORPS.

ROBIN (First Time).....MR. TRAEB,

MISS CLARA STANLEY,

MISS FLORENCE HOWE,

MISS BERTHA DRAEGER,

and

MISS AGNES DRAEGER.

During the Evening the Band of the 74th

Highlanders, by kind permission of Colonel  
JAGO and the Officers Commanding, will be  
in attendance and perform some Choice  
Selections.

Purchasers of Tickets are requested to  
secure their Seats early at Messrs LANE,  
CRAWFORD & Co's.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Dress Circle or Orchestra  
Stalls.....TWO DOLLARS.

Plat.....ONE DOLLAR.

Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen  
cannot be admitted.

Hongkong, December 30, 1878.

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INTIMATIONS.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF  
HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

NOTICE.—WILLIAM PUSTAU lately

trading at Victoria in the Colony of

Hongkong, Canton and Shanghai in China

in co-partnership with CARL WILHELM

SIEGFRIED, WILLIAM PUSTAU the

Younger and CONRAD MUNROE DON-

NER under the Style or Firm of "WM.

PUSTAU & Co." as Merchants and

Commission Agents, and also lately carrying on

Business at Hamburg in the Empire of

Germany under his individual name and

on his sole account and the said CONRAD

MUNROE DONNER, having been re-

spectively adjudged Bankrupts under Peti-

tions for adjudication of Bankruptcy filed

in the Supreme Court of Hongkong, in

Bankruptcy on the 23rd day of December,

1878, and the 27th day of December, 1878,

respectively are hereby required to sur-

render themselves to the Honorable CHAR-

LES BUSH PLUNKET the Registrar of the

said Court at the First Meeting of Credi-

tors to be held before the said Registrar

on TUESDAY, the 14th day of January,

1879, at 11 a.m., precisely at the said

Court.

The said CHARLES BUSH PLUNKET is

the Official Assignee and Messrs SHARPE,

TOLESON AND JOHNSON are the Solicitors

acting in the respective Bankruptcies.

At the First Meeting of Creditors the

Registrar will receive the Proofs of the

Debts of the Creditors and the Creditors

may elect an Assignee or Assignees of the

Bankrupt's Estate and Effects.

Dated this 25th day of December, 1878.

NOTICE.

IN Consequence of the Fire, NAM HING

LOONG has REMOVED to No. 6,

STANLEY STREET, where Business will be

Conducted as usual.

Hongkong, December 28, 1878.

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Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor

Owners will be Responsible for any

Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew

of the following Vessels, during their stay

in Hongkong Harbour:

FORTEZIAZ, British ship, Capt. Geo. B.

Taylor—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

COMMISSARY, British ship, Captain A.

Morison—Meyer & Co.

FANTY, French barque, Captain E. M.

Gouy—Landstein & Co.

NAZIEL, British barque, Captain W. L.

BYRNE—Messageries Maritimes.

TAIWAN, German barque, Captain C. J.

Arnold, Karberg & Co.

ANNIE S. HALL, American barque, Capt.

Chas. H. Nelson—Captain.

S. R. BEAUS, American barque, Capt.

A. E. OAKES—Kressel & Co.

PHAZOT, British barque, Captain H.

Schoel—Wieland & Co.

CYRUS, British barque, Captain John

Le Couter—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

PRINCE ASTOR, British barque, Capt.

C. W. CHINEE—Chinese.

PHAZOT, British barque, Captain Ole

Larsen—Meyer & Co.

MARY OF JUDAH, British barque, Capt.

Alfred W. Webb—R. & Co. & Co.

DAVIA, British barque, Captain Geo.

Arnold, Karberg & Co.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargoes

are requested to send in their Bills of

Lading to the Undersigned for counter-

signature, and take immediate delivery.

This Cargoes has been landed and stored at

their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

L. HENNEQUIN,

Actg. Agent.

Ex "Anadyr,"

T. H. Tam Sive, 4 pkgs. Metal, from

Batavia.

Ex "Pei Ho,"

N M K (in diamond) 54/5 Imp. Aldridge

V S C Salmon & Co., from London, 2 cases

Millinery.

Hongkong, December 5, 1878.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE

SALES ROOMS, Praya, on

FRIDAY,

the 3rd January, 1879, at Noon.

An Invoice of INDIAN CONDI-

MENTS, Comprising: Guava, Jelly,

Preserved Mangos, Madras Curry Pow-

der, Bengal Chutney, Stuffed Mango,

Pickle, Tapioca, Cazinno Sauce.

Waterlow & Son's Stationery: Cream

Note and Letter Paper, Envelopes

Foilscap Paper, Blotting Paper.

Sherry, Port, Claret and Champagne

Glasses, Decanters.

Also,

50 Casks Johnson's Indian Pale Ale,

California Apples, Almonds, Pecan Nuts,

Brown Nuts, Hazel Nuts, Pea Nuts,

Muscatels, Figs, Bonbons,

do., do., &c.

Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE

SALES ROOMS, Praya, on

FRIDAY,

the 3rd January, 1879, at Noon.

An Invoice of INDIAN CONDI-

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Hongkong, January 2, 1879

trede satisfaction to find that gentleman like Mr Hutchinson—not a Government officer, not paid by the State—come here and engage in this high mission—performing in this Colony one of the first functions of the State, viz., that of educating the poorer classes. He had great pleasure in thanking his rev. friend for the work he did so zealously and unselfishly in this Colony. They had well-trained teachers in Hongkong, whose passengers were paid from England, and who were engaged in the work of education; but the Government was certainly indebted to Mr Hutchinson, Mr. Lechler, and to other missionaries for what they did for the public instruction of the Colony, not as public officers but as ministers of the Gospel. The prizes to be distributed on this occasion were mainly for proficiency in religious instruction, but he was glad that there were also others to be given for secular as well as for religious knowledge. It was well, in his opinion, to have them combined. In England this was so. There both are encouraged; and so long as he had anything to say in the government of this Colony, he would do so too. It had been great pleasure for him to attend some weeks ago to see the boys, when he put a few questions to them in Scripture History; and he had thought it his duty to inform Mr Hutchinson that he would be glad so far to interfere with the routine of the school as to give a little prize to the best of the little boys on that occasion. The prizes were in great measure money prizes, and every one of the best boys received a little; he was sure they would all prize it.

His Excellency having presented the prizes to the boys, and received a most polite and thoroughly Confucian acknowledgment from each of the fortunate pupils, Mr Hutchinson thanked the Governor for having been present on this occasion; it would be a day long to be remembered. They were always very thankful to see the Head of the Executive, and this showed that Christianity was not regarded as a strange and alien thing by the Government. This was the second time they had been thus honoured, the first having been nearly twelve years ago, on the occasion when the foundation stone of the church was laid. The place was then almost a wilderness, and though it was not yet exactly a Garden of Eden, still the flowers of instruction were beginning to appear. He again thanked His Excellency for his kind attendance.

This concluded the proceedings.

#### Canton.

31st December.

We have reached the close of 1878, after a week of bright skies succeeding nights of exceptional ice-producing cold and a range of thermometer within doors of 40° to 50°, the barometer marking the extreme altitude of the winter season, 30° 30'.

Sympathising in your misfortune of Christmas night, we are constantly anxious in presence of the prevailing high winds, whilst the accumulation of combustible matter about the shops and houses is greatest (in view of the proximate native holidays), lest Canton suffers a similar calamity, notwithstanding the warning to special caution already given by the fire of November. Last evening the Amature here gave their second performance of the season, at Concordia Hall, assisted by a Lady at the Piano; Mr. Remell being absent on a visit to Shanghai, when plays suited to the festive associations of the day were presented with the adequate ability that characterized the committee. Not only was the stereotyped text of "A Fish out of Water" and of "Vittoria and his Dish" expanded with a proper sense of what was due to the farcical intent and burlesque motive of the respective authors, but the fund of native humor possessed by the local performers was drawn upon to render the dialogue witty, with local allusions. In short, the parts were all well sustained; the old favorites recalling the pleasing impressions of former seasons and the accessions to the boards proving valuable acquisitions. The costumes and scenery were worthy of any first-class house at home. Of the Lady's accompaniment and "voluntary" performances the audience exhibited high appreciation.

#### Police Intelligence.

(Before J. J. Francis, Esq.)

2nd January, 1879.

#### ASSAULT.

U Aki, a coolie, was sent to 14 days' hard labour for assaulting one Jeremiah Thurston belonging to the Royal Artillery.

#### ALLEGED PIRACY.

Ho Chan Sing and two others, who were charged by Inspector Lindsay with being concerned in the piracy at Stanley on the 7th ultimo, were to-day discharged, there not being sufficient evidence against them.

#### DOOE THIEVES.

Keung Ahop, a coolie, was committed for trial on a charge of stealing three sheets of copper from the British barque "Hawthorne," at the Aberdeen Docks. There are three previous convictions against him.

#### OWNERS WANTED.

Chau Akan, a chair coolie, was sent to 14 days' hard labour and ordered to be exposed in the stocks for six hours, for being found in the unlawful possession of an umbrella.

Wong Ayan was punished in a similar manner for being found in the unlawful possession of a new leather portmanteau.

#### TRouble IN THE SANCTUM.

Hu Aan and Lo Tung Che, coolies at the Magistracy, and Lo Lan Che, coolie at the Registrar-General's Office, were charged with stealing part of a wardrobe, the property of Mr. C. V. Creagh, on the 26th December. It would appear that the wardrobe in question had been broken in the hurry of removal, and the defendants securing a piece of it lying in the Magistracy compound thought it of no use and took it for firewood. They admitted having taken it but without felonious intent, thinking it was no one; they did not know it belonged to Mr. Creagh. The charge was finally withdrawn.

(Before: C. V. Creagh, Esq.)

ALLEGED ARSON—SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST A EUROPEAN IN CONNECTION WITH THE LATE GREAT FIRE.

Edward Fisher, described as a general storekeeper lately carrying on business at No. 3 Hing Leung Street, was charged on remand with attempting to defraud the Lancashire Insurance Company of the sum

Mr. Dennis appeared to watch the case behalf of the defendant, and Captain Deane (Superintendent of Police) on behalf of the crown.

George Taufer, was first called; he said: On the night of the 26th ultimo, I heard an alarm of fire. I was in the Queen's Road at the time, and I went to No. 6 Station and heard the fire was further East. I saw the house on fire, there was very little fire coming out. I saw an Indian constable trying to force the door open, but he could not. There was no smoke down stairs, I noticed nothing peculiar about the house; the colour of the flame was dark. In the ground floor I noticed some barrels of beer (some 3 or 4), and I think some cases. I was in the house the night before. There might have been ten cases, I saw some revolvers and other cases of preserves. There were some ham hanging from the ceiling and some scales. There were, besides, two show cases one on either side of the room, and one or two bundles of paper. On looking over the list (produced) I noticed cigars, I saw some of them; I also saw the Billiard table, sideboard, and other furniture.

By Captain Deane:—As an independent witness I think all the articles enumerated on the list might have been stored in the house.

By Mr. Dennis:—I have known the defendant for the last 5 or 6 years. I have not the faintest reason to suppose there was any suspicious circumstance about the fire.

Teo Kwon Tchu, an employé in the Chan Kau opium shop, declared, stated:—At about half past 10 o'clock on the night of the 26th ultimo, I was writing in the second floor of my master's house and noticed the second floor of the opposite site on fire. There was a very high wind and the flames were reaching to my master's house. I noticed a strong smell of kerosene oil. My master's place caught fire very quickly, we had no time to have anything. I ran out of our house and saw a number of people in the street and they broke the door open. I looked inside but saw very little goods there. I then ran away because the fire was very strong. I am a ship's compradore and thoroughly understand all about stores. I do not think that the articles mentioned on the list could fit into the defendant's house. I know there was a billiard table in the house as I used to hear the click of the balls.

By Mr. Dennis:—My house was burnt down and I was insured. I supply the French mail stamp. My house was of the same kind and the same size as the defendant's. We lost about \$2,000 worth of goods, but there was a mandarin stopping in the house and he left a good deal. I had no gold watches in my shop. The \$2,000 worth of goods comprised principal stores and provisions. The room was half burnt when I looked in. I did not see any hams, I can swear I did not, they may have been there. The doors were closed on the 24th. Whenever I came down I noticed the doors were closed.

Fun Ayow, declared, stated:—I am a servant to the defendant. At about half past 10 o'clock I heard the cry of fire, and on enquiry found it to be in Hing Leung street. I called to my mistress to get her things out of the house, but we found it was all burnt. We had to stop in the street all the night. I next saw my mistress on the following morning in Pun Leong Lane. My mistress lived with the prisoner there; he had nothing to do. I was a servant at No. 3 Hing Leung Street; the rooms were lighted by means of kerosene lamps. There were over three cases of kerosene oil on the ground floor. With the exception of what was in the lamps in the billiard room all the oil was on the ground floor. There were about four taels of oil in the lamps.

Low Ahing, declared, stated that he was employed as a mat-packer at No. 4 Hing Leung Street. He saw some things being moved away from the defendant's house on the 23rd and 24th. He saw a box moved by a girl and a boy.

By Mr. Shadrack:—The box I saw moved was about 9 inches deep and about 1 foot 8 inches long. I cannot say what was in the box; I took no particular notice of it; I had nothing to do at the time. After the fire we were talking about it; no one told me to come up here and give evidence, but as there was a fire we naturally thought of this as curious.

Mr. Shadrack, recalled, stated when the defendant first came to him he said that he had about \$1,700 in paper in the house at the time of the fire. Mr. Arnhold and Mr. Buermann were present at the time. An insurance policy did not cover money, unless specially stated.

At this stage the case was further remanded until 2 o'clock on Saturday next, in order to allow time to examine the ruins, and to make some enquiry regarding the antecedents of the accused. Defendant was admitted to bail as before, but was unable to obtain it.

#### ARRIVAL OF THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Pekin*, Capt. Woolcott, with the London mail of the 22nd November, arrived here yesterday morning.

#### TELEGRAMS.

(Straits Times Extra.)

London, Dec. 16.—The Governor and High Commissioner of Cape Colony has sent an Ultimatum to Ootywayo, the Zulu King.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reply to a question, said that Ootywayo's relations with the Government of Cape Colony are critical, but that the message sent was not intended as an ultimatum, and hope are entertained of an amicable settlement.

London, Dec. 16.—The Russians are seemingly to evacuate Adrianople.

London, Dec. 17.—A vacuity has occurred in the representation of Bristol by the re-election of Mr. R. D. Hodgson, and the liberal candidate has been elected by a large majority.

Reports generally current place the total loss of the West of England Bank at £1,250,000.

Prince Mila is ill.

Bombay, Dec. 17.—The Mongols attacked General Roberts' baggage. Three men were killed and two officers and thirteen men wounded.

London, Dec. 18.—The Standard publishes a telegram from St. Petersburg stating that the Russian mission to Kabul has been officially rejected.

London, Dec. 18.—The First Lord of the Treasury (Premier), in reply to a depute

tion, said that the treaty of peace was made to secure the maintenance of peace, and although there might be those who consider the carrying of it out undesirable, the signatories were determined to set its provisions executed; he also said that Cyprus as a naval station was not inferior to Malta.

London, Dec. 20.—In consequence of the representations of the British Government, the Russian Government has sent instructions recalling the mission from Cabul.

(From Indian Papers.)

London, Dec. 7.—In the House of Commons Sir Stafford Northcote ultimately postponed the motion of the Under Secretary of State for India that the expenses of the Afghan war be made chargeable to the Indian revenue, fixing instead the motion of Mr. Whitbread condemning policy of the Government.

Rumour states that the Amur has written to Major Cavagnari that he is willing to submit.

London, Dec. 8.—The Under-Secretary of State for India said, in replying to a question put in Parliament, that the Indian Council in Downing Street had adopted a resolution to increase the native army by 15,000 men, the estimated expenditure for which would amount to £270,000 annually.

Bombay, Dec. 6.—Seven native firms of merchants at Bombay have stopped payment, the estimated liabilities being ten lakhs of rupees.

London, Dec. 10.—The Secretary of State for India, in moving that India should defray the expenses of the Afghan war, said that, in view of the circumstances connected with the war and the condition of Indian finance, he considered that there were no grounds for asking the assistance of England. The Indian surplus this year would amount to £500,000, after paying the war expenses, which were estimated at £1,250,000. The reply of the Amur to the Viceroy's ultimatum was nothing but an evasion. England must be the paramount power at Cabul. Cabul holds the key to India, and she must be a friendly power, or England will hold that key herself. Upon Lord Halifax introducing a motion condemning the policy of the Government, Lord Lawrence spoke advising that nothing should be exacted from the Afghans, except that protection should be promised against invasion. Unless England paid the expenses of the war, all India would be indignant and despairing. Lords Derby and Carnarvon both attacked the Government. The House adjourned till Tuesday. In the House of Commons that Count Schouvaloff had informed Lord Salisbury that the Russian envoy had left Cabul. Mr. Whitbread introduced a motion condemning the policy of the Government as contrary to the advice of all experienced officials. Mr. Stanhope accused the Liberal Party of having caused the estrangement of the Amur. The House adjourned till Tuesday. Consols closed at 94. The Prince Alice is very ill with diphtheria.

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## Intimations.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
OF  
JOAO JOAQUIM DOS REMEDIOS,  
Deceased.

It is hereby notified that Probate of the last Will and Testament of JOAO JOAQUIM DOS REMEDIOS, Deceased, was Granted to the Undersigned on the 25th day of November, 1878.

(Signed) J. H. DOS REMEDIOS,  
D. A. DOS REMEDIOS,  
M. C. DO ROZARIO,  
A. A. DOS REMEDIOS.

Hongkong, December 14, 1878. jsl4

## CAUTION TO THE PUBLIC!

## DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE.

WHEREAS it having become known to the Proprietors of Dr Bright's PHOSPHODYNE that a worthless imitation, bearing a similar name, is exported to India, China, &c., and endeavoured to be foisted on purchasers as equal in efficacy to Dr Bright's Phosphodyne, they feel it due to the public to specially caution them against this compound and request their most careful attention to the following distinctive characteristics of Dr Bright's (the only genuine) Phosphodyne.

1st.—That Dr Bright's Phosphodyne is sold only in cases.

2nd.—The words "Dr Bright's Phosphodyne" are clearly blown in each bottle.

3rd.—The Registered Trade Mark and Signature of Patentees are printed on the label of every case.

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English, French, German, Italian, Dutch, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Danish, Turkish, Persian, Hindostani, Madrasse, Bengalee, Chinese, and Japanese.

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The Trade Mark, Label, &c., of DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE are duly entered at Stationers' Hall, London, and are also registered in the Chief Cities of the World.

Chemists and Druggists are hereby warned that legal proceedings will be immediately instituted by the Authorised Agents, against any person or persons selling Fraudulent Imitations of DR. BRIGHT'S (the only genuine) PHOSPHODYNE, from this date, 1st October, 1878.

## Notices of Firms.

## NOTICE.

We have established a BRANCH of our Firm at SHANGHAI.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.

Hongkong, December 31, 1878. jsl1

## NOTICE.

I have this Day RESUMED my BUSINESS as MARINE SURVEYOR at this Port.

K. H. CAIRNS,  
Surveyor to Local Insurance Offices and Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

Club Chambers,  
Hongkong, December 21, 1878. jsl1

## NOTICE.

THE Undersigned being about to Close his Firm at Swatow, hereby notifies that all DEBTS and CLAIMS due to or by him, will be Collected and Paid.

The Interest and Good will of his Business has been transferred to Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.

E. VINCENT.

Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

## NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO. have this Day established a BRANCH of their Firm at Swatow, and have authorized Mr. G. D. PITMAN to Sign per Procuration.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.

Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

## NOTICE.

I HAVE this Day established myself as GENERAL and SHARER BROKER, C. DENEKE.

Office, Bank Buildings,  
Hongkong, December 8, 1878.

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned of the CHINESE MAIL, 日報 (Wah Yat Po), ceased from the 1st August, 1877, but date prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.

CHUN AYIN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## NOTICE.

IN REFERENCE to the above, the Undersigned has Leased the CHINESE MAIL from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr. LEONARD YOUNG CHIN, an Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new regime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the newspaper.

KONG CHIM,

Lease of the Hongkong Chinese Mail,  
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## Mails.



STEAM FOR  
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE  
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,  
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI-  
TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-  
AMPTON, AND LONDON;  
VIA BOMBAY,

ALSO,

BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship  
"TEHERAN," Captain A. H. JOHNSON,  
will leave this on SATURDAY, the 4th  
January, 1879, at Noon.

Tea and General Cargo for London will  
be conveyed via Bombay without tranship-  
ment, arriving one week later than by the  
direct route. Silk and Valuables will be  
transferred to the Calcutta steamer at  
Galle.

For further Particulars, apply to  
A. MOLIVER, Superintendent.  
Hongkong, December 27, 1878. jsl4

## NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMALLIA, PORT  
SAID, NAPLES, AND  
MARSEILLES;

ALSO,

PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA  
AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON SATURDAY, the 11th January, 1879, at Noon, the Company's  
S. S. SINDH, Commander MONGE,  
with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPORE, and  
CARGO, will leave this Port for the  
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for  
London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted  
in transit through Marseilles for  
the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until  
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until  
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.,  
on the 10th January, 1879. (Parcels are  
not to be sent on board; they must be left  
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-  
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the  
Company's Office.

L. HENNEQUIN,  
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, December 31, 1878. jsl1

## TO LET.

WANTED,  
POSSESSION 15TH JANUARY NEXT,  
In a Central Locality.

A HOUSE OF 4-6 ROOMS.

Apply to  
A. B. C.,  
China Mail Office.

Hongkong, December 18, 1878.

## TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65,  
formerly known as the Blue Houses,  
situate on Praya East:—

No. 2, The FIRST and SECOND  
FLOORS, with immediate pos-  
session.

No. 3, The FIRST FLOOR and BASE-  
MENT, either separately or toge-  
ther, with immediate possession.

As also,

SIX SPACIOUS ROOMS, with Cor-  
ridors and Out-houses in the DWELLING  
HOUSE, to the Eastward of the Pier at  
Wanchai. These may be had in Apartments  
of Two or Three Rooms to suit convenience.  
Fine spacious Veranda looking on  
the Harbour. Immediate Possession.

## TO LET.

FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS,  
attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai,  
MARINE LOT 65.

As also,

A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close  
to the Wanchai Pier. Timber received on  
Storage or the Yard Rented.

For further particulars, apply to  
MEYER & CO.

Hongkong, August 18, 1878.

## TO LET.

THREE OFFICES, in Club Chambers.  
Apply to  
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.

Hongkong, November 28, 1878.

## TO BE LET.

TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED  
GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10,  
Praya Central.

Apply to

TURNER & CO.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

## INSURANCES.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSUR-  
ANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
AGENTS in Hongkong for the above-  
named Company, are prepared to Grant  
Policies against FIRE on Buildings and  
on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the  
usual Rates, subject to an immediate Dis-  
count of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable  
reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in  
China.

MEYER & CO.

Hongkong, August 12, 1878.

## NOTICE.

THE Undersigned and Responsibility of the  
Chinese Mail, 日報 (Wah Yat Po),

ceased from the 1st August, 1877; but

Date prior to that Date will be received

and paid by him.

CHUN AYIN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## Insurance.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.  
THE Undersigned, Agents for the above  
Company, are prepared to grant In-  
surance at current rates.

MELCHERS & CO.,  
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.  
Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,  
(LIMITED.)

## NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on  
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.  
In accordance with the Company's Articles  
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit,  
are distributed annually to Contributors  
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion  
to the net amount of Premium contributed  
by each, the remaining third being carried  
to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEY SMITH,  
General Agent,  
pro tem.

Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE  
INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and  
Special Acts of Parliament.

## ESTABLISHED 1809.

## CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong  
for the above Company, are prepared to  
grant Policies against FIRE on  
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, or  
on Merchandise in the same, at the  
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20  
per cent.

GILMAN & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1878.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

## (FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on  
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, or  
on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of  
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms  
and Conditions.

GILMAN & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1878.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against FIRE to the extent of  
£45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored  
therein, at current local rates, subject to a  
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER  
of  
His Majesty King George The First,  
A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above